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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"DERFLINGER"..... Capt. G. Meiners	About WEDNESDAY, 29th December.
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND"..... Capt. D. Lens	FRIDAY, 31st Dec., Daylight.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"COLENTZ"..... Capt. D. Lens	About SATURDAY, 8th January.

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MARSHILLES, VIA PORTS	"POLYNESIE".....	Broc	4th Jan., at 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, TOURANE	"BOURGE".....	Bourge	7th Jan., P.M.
MARSHILLES, VIA PORTS	"OCEANIE".....	Sellier	18th Jan., at 1 P.M.

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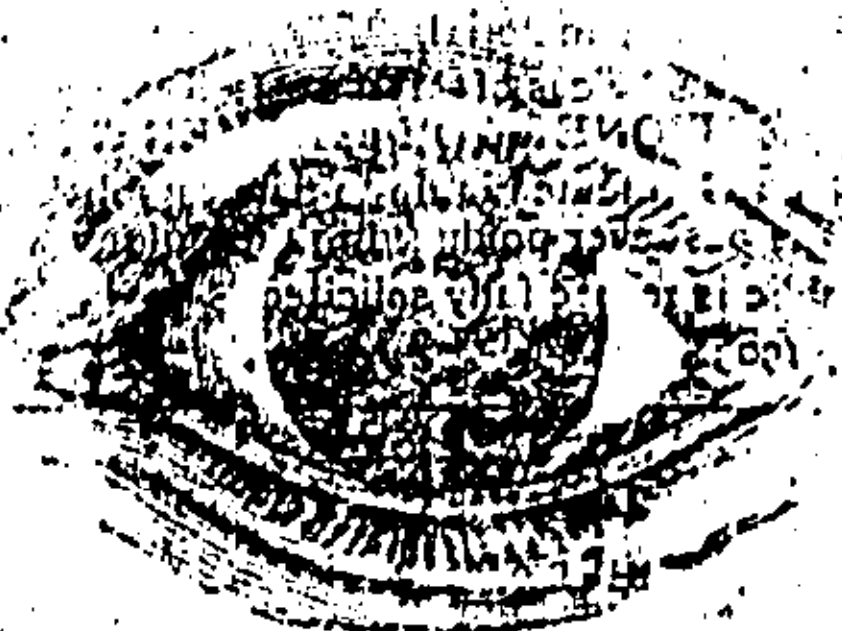
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Hongkong, 19th November, 1900.

Intimation.

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Hongkong, 16th April, 1901.

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A NEW ANÆSTHETIC.

Chloroform and other anæsthetics are likely to be superseded if the results of a demonstration given on 18th ult. are accepted as conclusive.

The occasion was a demonstration, of the possibilities of anæsthesia or numbness to pain induced by injecting stovaine into the spinal canal. Professor Thomas Jonnesco, Dean of the University of Bucharest, at the invitation of the staff of the Seamen's Hospital, performed an operation on the neck by this method, using no chloroform, ether or other general anæsthetic, the patient being perfectly conscious throughout the operation.

Since the discovery of stovaine a few years ago operations on the lower part of the body and the lower limbs have been successfully performed in this country. Through fear of the drug interfering with the action of the lungs and heart it has been commonly thought that its use was confined to parts below the waist-line.

Professor Jonnesco's demonstration goes far to prove, says the Daily Mail, that operations on any part of the body can be safely performed under stovaine injected into the spinal cord. When the surgeon's hands had been fully sterilised for the operation, Professor Jonnesco inserted a small hypodermic needle into the spinal canal, passing it between two of the vertebrae at the base of the neck. Attaching a small syringe to the needle, three centigrammes of stovaine and five centigrammes of sulphate of strychnine dissolved in water were injected into the spinal canal. After one minute the patient was told to lie down on the operating table, and his head and shoulders were lowered, so that the action of gravity would cause the numbing fluid to spread upwards.

Two minutes later the operation, which was for the removal of a mass of tubercular glands in the neck, was carried out in the ordinary manner, the patient perfectly conscious and talking to the surgeons during the whole proceedings.

"The chief advantage of Professor Jonnesco's method," said a surgeon who witnessed the operation, "is that little skill is required to give the anæsthetic; the operating surgeon can give it himself; all the discomforts of ordinary general anæsthesia are avoided; and, most important of all, there are no unpleasant or dangerous after-effects."

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Hongkong, 22nd September, 1901.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW and WEDNESDAY,

the 28th and 29th December, 1900, at 10 A.M., at H.M. Naval Establishments,

SUNDRY OLD and SURPLUS NAVAL and VICTUALLING STORES,

Comprising—

OLD and SURPLUS NAVAL STORES—FIRE ENGINE, HOSES, LAMPS and LANTERNS, TOOLS, OLD IRON and METAL, ELECTRIC CABLES, SWITCHES, HYDRAULIC PUMP, COAL SACKS, CANVAS BAGS, OLD INDIA RUBBER, OLD LEATHERS, CARPETS, MATTINGS, OLD BOATS, FURNITURE, &c., &c.

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TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1900.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on

THURSDAY,

the 30th December, 1900, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, corner of Ice House Street,

A QUANTITY OF DOHERTY and RAMSEY'S TENNIS RACQUETS,

ALSO One Case of AUSTRIAN TOBACCO.

TERMS:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1900.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Commander J. DA CUNHA LIMA, in sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

THURSDAY,

the 30th December, 1900, at 3 P.M., on board, at the war line off the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co.'s Docks at Hongkong,

The Late Gunboat "RIO LIMA,"

Extreme length 167 ft. 6 in.

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For further particulars apply to the Auctioneers.

A Steam Launch will leave Blake Pier at 2.30 p.m. to convey intending purchasers.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1900.

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THE SUPERIORITY of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Open Ports for their aid and support, and desires to state that the will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of FINE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Only Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Undershirts, and all kinds of Embroidery Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiority will also be shown by the fact that any FINE, or old, or new, or any kind of fabric can be made into Boots for the Children of the Poor School, who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900.

Intimation.

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BUILDINGS.

POWELL'S

Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [59]

Public Company

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the Office of Messrs SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 30th day of December, 1909, at 3 o'clock, in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the Subjoined Resolution, that is to say:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered.

1. By inserting therein immediately after paragraph 4 of Clause VIII. a new paragraph as follows:—

5. Whenever the Capital of the Company is divided into several Classes of Shares all or any of the rights and privileges attached to any Class may be modified altered sub-divided re-arranged or dealt with by Special Resolution of the Company passed pursuant to an Agreement in writing made between the Company and some member of the Class purporting to contract on behalf of the members of the Class provided such agreement shall be ratified by Extraordinary Resolution passed at a separate Meeting of the Class or by writing under the hand of the holders of at least two-thirds of the Shares of the Class and it shall be no objection to any such Agreement that it provides for a reduction of Capital otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the holders of shares of the Class or for the payment of a dividend or bonus otherwise than in accordance with the rights of the Holders of the shares of the Class or for the allotment of shares credited as fully or partly paid up in satisfaction or part satisfaction of such dividend or bonus and for the purposes of this Clause a Resolution shall be an Extraordinary Resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of such members of the Class entitled to vote as are present in person or by proxy at a separate General Meeting of the Class of which Notice specifying the intention to propose the Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution has been duly given and so that the quorum of any such Meeting shall be three members at least of the Class and so that the Meeting shall be called in accordance with the provisions hereof.

2. By inserting immediately after paragraph 7 of Clause XVI a new paragraph as follows:—

8. Any General Meeting declaring a Dividend may direct payment of such Dividend wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets and in particular of paid up shares Debentures or Debenture stock of the Company or of any other Company or in any one or more of such moneys and the General Managers shall give effect to such direction and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution they may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional Certificates and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any member upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such specific assets in Trustees upon such trusts for the persons entitled to the Dividend as may seem expedient to the General Managers. Where requisite a proper contract shall be filed in accordance with Section 7 of the Companies Act 1900 and the General Managers may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the Dividend and such appointment shall be effective.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 21st day of December, 1909.

By Order, SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. [866]

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 275 lbs. net \$5.50 per Cask ex Factory.

In Bags of 250 lbs. net \$3.45 per Bag ex Factory.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 14th August, 1909. [87]

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [87]

THE REVOLT OF THE EMPRESSSES.

Peking, Dec. 14.

The revolt of the Empresses, relics of his deceased Majesty Tung Chih, has been the best topic of conversation in Peking during the past ten days or so; and in so far as the episode, though temporarily adjourned to all outward appearances, may yet have its influence on the disordered story of modern China, it may be worth while to piece together the fragmentary details that have become known.

To appreciate the situation it must be remembered that the title to the throne of the late Emperor Kuang Hsi was never truly valid, according to strictest etiquette, because he was the cousin of, and thus in the same generation as, his predecessor, Tung Chih, and therefore unable to sit ancestral worship at his tomb. To correct this irregularity, as far as possible, the late Empress Dowager when assigning the succession to the present Emperor Hsuan Tung, decided that he should become the adopted son not only of Kuang Hsi but also of Tung Chih. This proceeding was correct in Chinese etiquette and thereby the manes of both former Emperors would receive proper adulation and respect.

But the compromise reckoned without the three widows of Tung Chih, still living as pensionaries in the palace. Officially speaking, the ladies would appear to have no shadow of claim to special distinction, because they were never anything but secondary wives of Tung Chih, the chief consort, it will be remembered having died somewhat mysteriously within a few weeks of her husband. But at any rate they were three to the one Lung Yu Empress Dowager; she was no more the real mother of the new Emperor than they; and since the said new Emperor was now the adopted son of Tung Chih as well as Kuang Hsi it was only fair that they (three to one) should share with that one the honours and emoluments of the official rank of Empress Dowager.

The controversy had raged for some time beneath the yellow roofs of the Forbidden City when the funeral of the late Empress Dowager gave to the revolting Empresses an opportunity of public demonstration. They went with the imperial cortège to the Eastern Tombs as if nothing had occurred. But here they declared a state of siege, refusing to return to Peking until their claims were settled. It does not seem to have occurred to anyone that to let the Empresses remain where they were would be the simplest way to peace in the palace. Perhaps it was thought that demonstrations at home were preferable to scandal abroad. A story was put about that one of the Empresses had suddenly fallen ill, and that the two others had stayed to attend her. But Peking knew better; and so all manner of honoured emissaries were sent to plead with the three recalcitrants to return home and all should yet be well.

The end of the story is probably known to you. The Empresses returned at the end of last week (the weather is already bitterly cold and the Eastern Tombs can scarcely be a homely abode); they were at once visited by the Lung Yu Empress Dowager, and were appeased with some extra official title and extra emoluments—not the full Tis. 20,000 that they are believed to have claimed, but something fairly satisfactory. It is also understood that some arrangement has been come to whereby the youthful Emperor will be entrusted for his education to each of the Empresses for a certain period in each year.

Here then, for the moment the story closes; but a sequel is by no means improbable. The widows of Tung Chih have already shown their mettle with some success. The Lung Yu Empress Dowager is described as a thoroughly amiable woman but of ambitious character. It will be remembered that as the Princess Yehonala she was believed to have been specially selected by the late Empress Dowager as Kuang Hsi's chief consort, when his own inclinations would have turned elsewhere on account of her strength of character; and the story seems to be not without reason. Will the revolting three remain satisfied with the present compromise? Is the Lung Yu Empress Dowager such a woman as to brook continued rivalry? Petticoat influence is strong in the palace, and there are yet two who may claim some title as Empresses, a widow of Hsien Fong who died in 1861, and a secondary consort of Kuang Hsi.

Possibly the two latter are not important enough to cause concern, the first on account of her age, the second because of her inferior position. But the possibility of six competing Empresses in one palace is an unwelcome thought in the midst of so much else that needs correction in the counsels of China.—N. C. D. News.

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Intimation.

THE TRUTH ALWAYS.

"When you are in doubt tell the truth." It was an experienced old diplomat who said this to a beginner in the work. It may pass in some things, but not in business. Fraud and deception are often profitable so long as concealed; yet detection is certain sooner or later; then comes the smash-up and the punishment. The best and safest way is to tell the truth all the time. Thus you make friends that stick by you, and a reputation that is always worth twenty shillings to the pound everywhere your goods are offered for sale. We are able modestly to affirm, that it is on this basis that the world-wide popularity of

WAMPOLE'S PREPARATION rests. The people have discovered that this medicine is exactly what it is said to be, and that it does what we have always declared it will do. Its nature also has been frankly made known. It is palatable as honey and contains all the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. A combination of supreme excellence and medicinal merit. Nothing has been so successful in Anemia, Scrofula, Bronchitis, Influenza, Loss of Flesh and Wasting Diseases, Weakness and Low Nervous Tone, and all complaints caused by Impure Blood, Dr. Austin D. Irvine, of Canada, says: "I have used it in cases where cod liver oil was indicated but could not be taken by the patient, and the results following were very gratifying." It is effective from the first dose and agrees with the most sensitive and nervous stomachs. It cannot deceive or disappoint you, and comes to the rescue of those who have received no benefit from any other treatment. It stands for the medicinal triumphs of the age. "Watch carefully against imitations." Sold by chemists throughout the world.

NOTICE.

IN terms of Government Notification No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, the following days will be observed as BANK HOLIDAYS:—

SATURDAY, 1st January.
MONDAY, 3rd "
Hongkong, 27th December, 1909. [865]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN Terms of Government Notification No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on the following days:—

SATURDAY, the 1st January.
MONDAY, the 3rd January.
By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary. Hongkong, 27th December, 1909. [867]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN Terms of Government Notification No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on the following days:—

SATURDAY, the 1st January.
MONDAY, the 3rd January.
By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary. Hongkong, 27th December, 1909. [868]

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE is hereby given that TOOTAL BROADHURST LEE COMPANY, LIMITED, of 56, Oxford Street, Manchester, England, Merchants and Manufacturers, have, on the 19th day of July, 1909, applied for the Registration in Hongkong, in the Register of Trade Marks, of the following Trade Mark:—

TOBRALCO.

In the name of TOOTAL BROADHURST LEE COMPANY, LIMITED, who claim to be the sole proprietors thereof.

The Trade Mark has been used by the Applicant since the year 1900 in respect of COTTON PIERCE GOODS in Class 24.

A Facsimile of such Trade Mark can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and of the Undersigned.

Dated the 27th day of October, 1909.
WILKINSON & GRIST,
Solicitors on behalf of the Applicants,
9, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong.

BRITISH MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, TIENTSIN.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the position of ENGINEER to the British Municipal Councils, Tientsin.

Applicants should state their age, whether married or single, and should give full details of their previous experience, especially of their experience in China.

Canvassing will constitute a disqualification. The salary will be Tientsin Taels 400 per month, with medical attendance.

The selected candidate must pass a medical examination. Only copies of testimonials need be sent.

Applications to be endorsed "Appointment of Engineer" and to be addressed to The Chairman, British Municipal Councils, Tientsin, they should reach Tientsin not later than January 15th, 1910.

By Order of the Councils, W. McLEISH, Secretary. Tientsin, 6th December, 1909. [861]

To Let

TO LET.

OFFICES and ROOMS on the 2nd Floor of No. 14, Des Vaux Road Central (formerly occupied by Messrs. Shawas, Tomes & Co.).

Apply to—
THE COMPADORE DEPARTMENT,
E. D. Sassoon & Co.,
Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 11th September, 1909. [188]

TO LET.

IN No. 6, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL, One Godown.

IN No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria Building, Rooms suitable for Offices. ROOMS in Collage Chambers, No. 31, WYNDHAM STREET.

Apply to—
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1909. [581]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 4, PRAYA, Kennedy Town.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1909. [730]

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No. 14, Praya, Kennedy Town, one extensive two-storied godown. All are in first class condition, suitable for storing Rice, Flour, &c. Rents moderate.

Apply to—
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Hongkong, 8th November, 1909. [765]

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Apply to—
GODDARD & DOUGLAS.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [824]

TO LET.

KING'S BUILDINGS, OFFICES facing the Harbour from about October, at present in occupation of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Apply—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 3rd June, 1909. [465]

TO LET.

NO. 3, MORRISON HILL. Immediate entry.

Apply—
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1909. [468]

TO LET.

OFFICES, No. 2, CONNAUGHT ROAD, 3rd Floor.

No. 3 CLIFTON GARDENS, CONDUIT ROAD.

A HOUSE in WONG-MEI-CHONG ROAD.

A HOUSE in RIFON TERRACE.

OFFICES in YORK BUILDING.

GODOWNS in PRAYA EAST, BLUE BUILDINGS, and No. 16, DES VEAUX ROAD next to the Hongkong Hotel.

FLATS in MORETON TERRACE.

No. 10, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st Floor.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1909. [51]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 54, DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 21st June, 1909. [52]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"DELHI"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—

From London, &c., ex S.S. *Mooltan* and *Egypt*.

From Australia, &c., ex S.S. *Moldavia*.

From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 30th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

By Order of the Consignee, E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 24th December, 1909. [61]

Consignees.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE.

THE Company's Steamship

"PEMBROKESHIRE"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 26th inst., at 6 A.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in Godowns, where they will be examined at 10 A.M. on the 19th inst. No Claims will be admitted after Goods have left the Godown, nor will they be recognized if presented after 10 days of vessel's arrival here.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents. Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [864]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"SYRIA"

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—

From London, &c., ex S.S. *Mores* and *Peria*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 26th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [863]

S.S. "OCEANIC"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex S.S. *Maifan*, and from Bordeaux ex S.S. *Pills* de *Dunkerque*, in connection with the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before TO-DAY, at 10 P.M., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remained unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 29th December, at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 29th December or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 29th December, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. THOMAS, Agent. Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [61]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM

Information.

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HONGKONG and KOWLOON.

Hongkong, 25th July, 1909. [28]
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five cents (for cash only).

BIRTH.

On December 13, 1909, at Amoy, the wife of
J. G. Vior, 1, M. Customs, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

At St. John's Cathedral, on the 27th December,
1909, by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, Arthur
Leslie, eldest son of W. D. Sutton, Hongkong,
to Rose Elizabeth, second daughter of the late
Henry Kennell, Hongkong.

On Friday, December 17, 1909, at Chin-
kiang, Dr. Miroslav Urbanek, son of the late
F. Urbanek, of Prague, Austria, to Lucy Ellis,
eldest daughter of the late Thomas Shaw,
C. N. Co., and Mrs. Shaw, Seward Road,
Shanghai.

On Tuesday, December 21, 1909, at Shang-
hai, Frank Oswald Reynolds to Edith Lillian,
second daughter of Daniel Addison Darling,
of Shanghai.

DEATHS.

On November 24, 1909, in London, suddenly,
Alexander Montgomery Bruce, late of the Hong-
kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, eldest
son of the late Major-General A. B. Bruce.

On November 26, 1909, at Cheltenham, Eng-
land, C. G. Gram, one of the I. M. Customs,
Shanghai, aged 87 years.

On December 21, 1909, at Shanghai, Sarah,
the dearly beloved wife of John Sharpley, aged
67 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1909.

OLD BOXING DAY.

The term Christmas Box doubtless derives
from the box that apprentices and tradesmen's
assistants used to carry around on this day, in
which to collect the alms that they demanded
as their right. On the day after Christmas, the
feast of St. Stephen, an old proverb tells us—
"Cladly the boy, with Christmas Box in hand,
Throughout the town his devils round pursues,
And of his master's customers implores
The yearly mite."

The box has gone, but the practice, diminished
in some aspects and increased in others, re-
mains a feature of this time, and is not likely
to die out rapidly. Some have derived the
custom from the Roman habit of giving gifts
at the New Year. It would seem that the box
used to consist of clay or common earthen-
ware, so that it could be broken for the sake
of the contents without incurring much loss on
its possession. Thus we read in a book published

1643 that a covetous person "doth exceed in
receiving, but is very deficient in giving; like the
Christmas earthen boxes of apprentices apt to
take in money, but he restores none till he be
broken like a potter's vessel into many shares." A
still earlier publication makes a similar com-
parison: "As an apprentice's box of earth,
apt he is to take all, but to restore none till he
be broken." Aubrey, also, in reference to the
discovery of an old Roman pot containing
denarii, said that it resembled "an apprentice's
Christmas Box. But it is clear that the im-
portunate box was not only carried by
"entices and trade-boys; for the poet Gay tells
us that—

Some boys are sick by birth beyond all wants,
Belov'd by uncles, and kind good old aunts;
When time comes round a Christmas Box they bear,
And one day makes them rich for the year.

In the West of England parties of women
used to go from door to door gathering such
gifts as they could; they called this "going
a-gooding." With regard to the alms collected
by the "prentices and journeymen, something
was given by their employers in counter-value;
for the servants of the rich customers always ex-
pected to be remembered at this time. In
many cases the baker or grocer was mulcted on
two counts; he was expected to send a cake or
box of sweetmeats to the house, and the servant
who called at his shop also looked for his
generosity.

Another origin has been given to the term
Christmas Box. In old times the priests used
to keep a box in the church for the collection
of the people's pence; which were thus amas-
sed in readiness for Christmas, to be then spent
in payment for indulgences, so that the licence-
sure to be taken might be less perilous. The
Christmas Box, therefore, was a kind of in-
surance against the results of Christmas excess
and debauchery. A writer of two centuries
since speaks of Boxing Day as observed in
his time. "I found that, because I had laid out
a good deal of ready money with my brewer,
baker, and other tradesmen, they kindly
thought it my duty to present their servants
with some money for the favour of having their
goods. This provoked me a little; but, being
told it was the custom, I complied. These
were followed by the watch, beadle, dustmen,
and an innumerable tribe; but what vexed me
the most was the clerk, who has an extra-
ordinary place, and makes as good an appear-
ance as most tradesmen in the parish; to see
him come a-boxing, alias begging, I thought
was intolerable; however, I found it was the
custom, too, so I gave him half-a-crown; as I
was likewise obliged to do for the bellman, for
breaking my rest for many nights altogether." With
slight change this might be written to-day.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MR. A. G. M. Fletcher has been appointed
Registrar of Trade Marks, with effect from the
1st January, 1910.

The appointment of Mr. E. Jones to act as
Assistant Harbour Master, and Mr. A. E. Davey
to act as First Boating Officer, with effect
from the 1st instant, until further notice, is
gratified.

Dr. Kitasato has received an intimation from
the University of Yale, to the effect that it has
been decided to confer upon him the degree of
Doctor, and inviting him to visit the university
next year.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased
to re-appoint the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.H.C.M.,
C.M.C., to be a member of the Medical Board
for a further term of three years, with effect
from the 18th May, 1909.

THE China Critic understands that Capt.
Ehhardt, who has long been in charge of the
C. E. and M. Co.'s coal sales department,
is leaving that company to accept the position
of representative at Shanghai of the Siemens-
Schuckert Works, which he will take over next
month.

A CHINAMAN, who was formerly a cook in the
employ of Mr. H. P. White, was this morning
charged with obtaining goods from Messrs.
Lane Crawford and Company to the tune of
\$24 under a forged book purporting to belong
to his one-time master in November last. The
man was awarded three months' hard labour.

A WINDSOR correspondent says King Manuel
has won the regard of all the Court. Through-
out the stay there has been much gossip about
marriage prospects, but it is idle talk. A high
Court official stated that he was weary of
denying the statement that a marriage is likely
to be arranged between King Manuel and an
English Princess.

THE Ningpo steamer Ningchao was again un-
lucky the other evening when leaving for Ning-
po, as she struck and smashed a small native
junk which was crossing her path. The boat-
men, however, managed to beach the boat be-
fore she sunk, and the steamer, not having re-
ceived any material damage, proceeded on her
way after only a short delay.

THE other evening, while the river steamer
TA Hing was loading cargo alongside the
Chinese Bund, at Shanghai, fire was discovered
in the forward 'tween decks. The crew were
soon on the spot with the hose of the steamer,
and the French truck shortly after arriving,
the blaze was quickly extinguished. The cause
is believed to have been due to some careless
smoker among the passengers.

As Car No. 31 was approaching the side of the
Naval Yard this morning, the conductor put
his leg out of the car and got his foot extricated
with a passing truck laden with window-
frames. He was knocked down on to the track
and received serious injuries which caused him
to be badly shaken up. The victim of the ac-
cident was promptly removed to the Naval
Yard Surgery, where his injuries were attend-
ed to. So far as we have been able to ascer-
tain the unfortunate man has not sustained any
broken bones.

CLARK'S TOURISTS IN CANTON.

SHOPKEEPERS' DISAPPOINTMENT.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 24th December.
This morning among the passengers on
board the steamer *Fatehkan* were thirty-two
members of the American Around-the-World
tourists, who formed the first batch to arrive
at Canton. Later in the day at 11 a.m. the
steamer *Kinkun*, which was especially chartered
for the service, brought up two hundred and
fifty more, and at 3.30 in the afternoon another
party of eighty tourists arrived by the steamer
Honam. In all about three hundred and
twenty Americans arrived at Canton to-day.
They were all received by the management of
the Victoria Hotel and had their meals at the
same Hotel on the Shamonee. Arrangements
were made beforehand by Mr. H. Haynes,
the general manager of the Hotel, for two
hundred odd chairs which were at the disposal
of the tourist party to do the sights of the
city. Some chairs were carried by three
bearers while others by only two, the visitor
being divided into parties of ten and twenty
each. They visited all the places of interest
in the city, such as Sap Pat Po, the Five
Hundred Genii Temple, the ancestral temple
of the clan Chan, Wai Oi street, passing by the
Viceroy's and other official yamens, the Execu-
tion Ground, &c., returning to Shamonee by the
New Bund. As the Five-storied Pagoda is too
far away from Shamonee, many of the tourists
regretted time did not permit of a visit thither.
The police authorities placed two to three
hundred extra officers and police to patrol the
streets along the route mapped out for the
tourists, and also sent some police to escort the
visitors as guards, thus according them ample
and adequate protection. It is needless to add
that the ignorant fable of Canton expressed
surprise at so large a number of foreigners
visiting the city of Canton at the same time,
but beyond their natural wonderment perfect
order prevailed in the city and there was no
occurrence of any disturbance whatsoever,
contrary to alarmist predictions.

It is learnt that the first two batches that
arrived at Canton will return to Hongkong this
afternoon by the river steamers. During their
visit in this city, the tourists did not do as
much shopping as was expected of them, much
to the disappointment and chagrin of the shop-
keepers, who, in anticipation of a brisk
trade, had stocked their stores well and attract-
ively. The only section of people who benefitted
by the visit were the guides and the chair
coolies.

POLICE BALL.

AN ENJOYABLE FUNCTION.

One of the most pleasant little functions at
which Hongkongites delight to foregather is
the annual ball given by members of the local
Police Force and on Christmas Eve, it was once
more proved that a ball can be an admirable
host on as well as off duty. The ball this year
was, as usual, held at the City Hall. St.
George's Hall was used as the dancing-room
while St. Andrew's Hall was for the nonce con-
verted into a supper-room. The ball-room was
most tastefully decorated with evergreens and
bunting and from the middle of the ceiling
hung the time-honoured mistletoe, under which
from time immemorial passionate swains seek
to steal kisses from bashful maids and Friday
night was no exception to the rule. Messrs. Lee
(Secretary) and Stewart, the M.C., and their staff
of workers deserve the thanks of all for their ex-
cellent arrangements but it would be an injustice
to omit mention of the gentlemen at the bar,
whose patience in catering for the creature com-
forts of their guests was, as usual, overtaxed.
The card-room had also as in former years a
good number of devotees who found no attrac-
tion in the light fantastic toe. Dancing was
kept up till the early hours of the morning and
everybody went away satisfied that they had
passed an enjoyable evening.

THE PRATAS TELEGRAPH
STATION.

SHANGHAI COMMENT.

The *N. C. D. News* writes:—It will be re-
membered that the idea of establishing a wire-
less telegraphic station on Pratas Island was
motivated before the question of the ownership of
the island had actually been settled. Since the
agreement was reached and the island reverted
to China, the proposal for such a station has
been carefully considered by the Ministry of
Posts and Communications and at last Thurs-
day's meeting of the Hongkong Legislative
Council Sir Frederick Lugard was able to an-
nounce that the Ministry had adopted the sug-
gestion and that the Viceroy of Kwangtung has
been instructed to make the necessary arrange-
ments forthwith. The extent to which the
Chinese naval authorities make use of wireless
telegraphy in the Canton Delta is surprising.
According to our Hongkong correspondent the
gunboats engaged in policing the Delta are fitted
with the apparatus and there is a wireless
school at Canton. In the matter of typhoon
warnings there has for some time past been
co-operation between Hongkong and Canton,
and the maintenance of a wireless station on
the Pratas should do much to perfect the in-
formation that Hongkong now receives.
Not the least satisfactory part of this de-
cision, however, is the evidence it affords
that the Chinese Government intends to read a
practical meaning into the protest against the
recovery of sovereign rights. Apart from its
eyes as a telegraph station, Pratas Island con-
tains highly valuable deposits of phosphates,
in the light of subsequent events it seems
certain that, but for Chinese official inertia, the
possession of these need never have passed out
of Chinese hands. By whom the phosphates
will now be exploited it is not quite easy to see.
Possibly they will be farmed out by the Viceroy
at Canton. The main point is that the property
should not be allowed to lie idle.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

THE FESTIVE SEASON.

Christmas comes but once a year, but when
it does come all add sundry celebrate the
joyous festival in the good old way. Here in
Hongkong, where hundreds of exiles have
been separated through the years from their
kith and kin, the day of days was observed
with no less joyous fervour than the people in
the homeland and it must be a comforting fact
to learn that there is at least one occasion in
the year when peace and goodwill is extended
by all men to their fellow-creatures. I am
sure everybody who takes an interest in life
apart from the money-grabbing competition in
the great *raison d'être* enjoyed their Christmas
in the tight way and I take this opportunity of
wishing all my readers a "Happy New Year."

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

Christmas talk naturally reminds one of
Christmas stories and here is one which I think
will be appreciated by those who take an inter-
est in children. Many have been the occa-
sions when the little mites prior to being borne
on the land of dreams and after they had hung
their little socks for Santa Claus' favours had
asked, "Mamma, how does Santa Claus know
what we want?" The story is told of a little
girl who had gone to bed on Christmas Eve
after having changed her socks, with bolsters
(they hold more) thrown in, at the foot of
the bed. At midnight, the father of the family
entered the bedroom on tip-toe with a lamp in
his hand and a host of good things along over
his shoulder. He had almost finished filling
the capacious bolsters with all sorts and
manner of toys when a violent eruption from fel-
low sources disturbed the still night air and woke
the little one from her sleep. At that psy-
chological moment the dear little one caught
her father red-handed and as Santa Claus stood
unmasked before the favoured one, the latter
puttingly said: "Ah, daddy, now I know why
I got what I want!"

THE AMERICAN TOURISTS.

Contrary to all expectations, the advent of
the 700 American round-the-world tourists to
Hongkong was attended with little or no dis-
comfort to Hongkongites. True it is that the way
the visitors hustled was "something terrible,"
but that is to be expected from most people who
hail from the other side of the Pacific. It was
popularly believed that the local shopkeepers
reaped a veritable harvest of gold from the
affluent visitors, but I am told that one party who
visited a curious dealer's establishment left with
an insignificant purchase after having turned
the shop inside out. The boot was on the other
foot then. Americans are nothing if not un-
conventional and during their three days' sojourn
(not ten) in the Colony they kicked the
letters of conventionality into eternity and did
things on the public thoroughfare which in
other persons would be considered an acute form
of lunacy. One enterprising Yankee by way of
diversifying the routine of his stay in the Colony
walked into a certain newspaper office and
offered to write up an interesting item of news
free, gratis and for nothing. And there in the
hallowed atmosphere of the Editorial sanc-
tuary, he turned out a spicy morsel of "news"
penny-in-the-slot-wise. If that is not enterprise
and magnanimity rolled into one I should like
to know what is. Americans are enterprising!

UNENTERPRISING HONGKONG.

A prominent local citizen has been charac-
terizing Shanghai in London journalistic
circles as being sluggish and has dubbed
the Colny with the doubtful appellation of
"Happy Hongkong," but I can assure
that well-meaning gentleman that Hongkong
can scarcely feel justified in running down
Shanghai, far less feel happy. What I would
like to know is why didn't one of the local
steamship companies think it worth their while
to run a special boat to Swatow on Christmas
Day. Can it be that the good folk of the Col-
ony are bad pattern? I scarcely believe it, for
was it not only the other day that a local com-
pany arranged a special excursion trip to Amoy
on the occasion of the celebrations by blue-
jackets from the United States Third Pacific
Squadron? I hope those concerned will think
it worth their while to fall in with my sugges-
tion at some future date.

ODOROUS TOPICS.

A prominent member of the Sanitary Board
has been waging war against the powerful
fumes that sometimes assail one's nose, as Mr. Dooley
calls it, smelling apparatus in the vicinity
of the harbour. No one can speak with greater
authority on sanitary subjects than the gentle-
man in question, for, considering the important
position he occupied in the Shanghai Municipal
Council some years ago and his wide ex-
perience on the local Board, he is peculiarly
fitted for the consideration of sanitary matters.
For that reason, the heartfelt thanks of Hong-
kong's much-abused citizens are due to him for
airing a grievance which is well-nigh be-
coming scandalous. So long as the smell of
the city's refuse assails the olfactory organs of
sensitive citizens who have done the powers
that be no harm so long will the latter earn the
execrations of the victims of an intolerable
nuisance. That tower of strength of the rate-
payers, Mr. Shelton Hooper, thinks \$3,000
small a fine for erring conservancy contractors
but the workings of magisterial minds were
ever a deep mystery.

CASUAL CRITIC.

THE death took place on Monday night, after
a brief illness at the General Hospital, of Mr.
H. C. McGeachen, one of the staff of the Char-
tered Bank of India, Australia and China, re-
ports the *Shanghai Times* of 23rd inst. The
deceased was a native of Scotland and twenty-
eight years of age. He came from Hongkong
about two months ago and was shortly going
home on leave. He became ill several weeks
ago and it was found that he was suffering from
an abscess on the liver. Two operations were
performed, but they were of no avail and death
took place last night as stated. During his
short stay in the Settlement he had made hosts
of friends by his pleasing manner.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

MAOISTRATES REPRIMANDED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 24th December.
H.E. Viceroy Yuan Shu Hau appears to be
greatly displeased with the manner the Namhoi
Magistrate, Cheung Tung Kai, and the Pan
Yu Magistrate, Chou Yu Tun, have performed
their duties by their failure to take adequate
measures to prevent frequent robberies in the
districts under their jurisdiction and also
their failure to effect the arrest of the robbers.
The two magistrates have been severely re-
primanded by the Viceroy and have had their
official buttons removed from them for every-
day wear until further orders.

WHOLESALE EXECUTIONS.

The streets of Canton provided a mournful
procession when two prisoners were taken out
from the Namhoi prison and eleven others
from the Pan Yu prison to the execution ground
and beheaded by order of the Viceroy. These
criminals were all found guilty of armed rob-
bery.

BOAT FATALITY.

On the 22nd instant a sampan with eight
persons on board was capsized in Ho Nam
Mee but they were all rescued by the water
police. The police took these persons on board
their gig and when the men were trying to get
ashore, the gig was also capsized owing to its
being overloaded with a larger number of pas-
sengers than it could carry. The boats in the
neighbourhood rendered prompt assistance and
succeeded in saving seven persons, while the
others were drowned.

THE MACAO BOUNDARY
QUESTION.

It is telegraphed from Peking that the mem-
bers of the Wai Wu-pu have opened negotia-
tions with General Machado in the matter of the
Macao Boundary Delimitation, but as neither
the Chinese officials nor the Portuguese Com-
missioner are inclined to make any concession,
it is feared that the negotiations will prove
abortive.—*Shanghai Times*.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB vs. UNITED
SERVICES.

On Saturday afternoon, the United Services
met the Hongkong Cricket Club and the former
were all dismissed in the first innings for 374
runs. This match was continued this morn-
ing at 10 o'clock, the Club electing to bat first.
Some good scoring was seen, especially that
put up by Elborough—135 runs. The Club
just managed to get two runs ahead of the
United Services when the last wicket dropped
at twenty minutes past two.

The United Services opened their second
innings at about 2.30 p.m. and closed the in-
nings for 148 runs all out.

The detailed scores were as under when we
went to press:—

UNITED SERVICES.

Comd. Noble, c Elborough, b Bird	30
Staff-Serjt. Power, b Bird	0
Lt. Pettley, b Oliver	15
Comd. Lewis, b Young	30
Capt. Baird, c and b Oliver	30
Capt. Garnett, c Makin, b Oliver	5
Capt. Mayhew, b Young	54
Lt. Green, not out	111
Lt. Bagnall, c Hancock, b Bird	17
Lt. Panton, b Oliver	5
Flag-Lt. Mullineux, c Pearce, b Young	13
Extras	30
Total	374

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. E. O. Bird	23	0	104	3
R. E. H. Oliver	24	3	86	4
A. C. Leith	7	1	34	0
A. H. Young	94	1	57	3
A. A. Claxton	3	1	12	0

HONGKONG.

The following were the scores made up to the
time of going to press at one o'clock to-day:—
T. E. Pearce, c Noble, b Pelly 51
A. A. Claxton, c Baird, b Hutton 12
A. C. E. Elborough, b Bagnall 115
H. H. Hancock, c Mayhew, b Noble 53
W. C. D. Turner, c Bagnall, b Baird 44
R. E. H. Oliver, c Baird, b Bagnall 2
Manning, b Baird 0
A. H. Young, c Green, b Baird 0
R. H. Makin, c Garnett, b Baird 0
R. E. O. Bird, b Mullineux 5
A. Leith, not out 0
Extras 24
Total 376

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt. Hutton	12	2	49	1
Capt. Garnett	8	1	36	0
Capt. Baird	25	5	69	4
Lt. Mullineux	135	3	52	1
Lt. Pelly	4	—	27	1
Lt. Bagnall	10	0	49	2
Lt. Noble	3	0	20	1

Extras.

Lt. Noble, c Makin, b Oliver	19
Lt. Pelly, run out	41
St. Sergt. Power, b Bird	1
Capt. Mayhew, c Hancock, b Young	23
Capt. Baird, b Young	10
Capt. Garnett, run out	10
Comd. Lewis, b Young	1
Lt. Green, c Young, b Bird	1
Lt. Bagnall, b Bird	11
Flag-Lt. Mullineux, c Hancock, b Bird	11
Lt. Hutton, not out	1
Extras	6
Total	148

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. E. O. Bird	135	0	74	4
R. E. H. Oliver	9	0	55	1
A. H. Young	19	2	33	3

FIRE AT MACAO.

MANY HOUSES DESTROYED.

A report is to hand of a big conflagration
which broke out in a Chinese house near the
Hongkong Steamship Co.'s wharf, at Macao, on
Saturday and was not extinguished until the
following morning. As there was a fresh breeze
blowing at the time the fire spread rapidly
and destroyed quite a number of Chinese shops
of the better class in Macao. No further par-
ticulars are available to-day, beyond the fact that
the conflagration was one of the most destruc-
tive that have occurred in the Portuguese city
within recent years.

THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT.

KOWLOON RAILWAY.

(Nov. 25.) Mr. Ginnell asked the Under-
Secretary of State for the Colonies if he will
state on whose recommendation the late Chief
British accountant on the Kowloon Railway,
recently convicted of embezzlement, was em-
ployed; and, if not known, whether he will
have inquiry made and the person identified,
with a view to holding him, if in the service
of the Crown Agents, answerable for the loss
caused by his negligence?

Colonel Seely. The person referred to was
employed on the Chinese section of the railway.
I do not know on whose recommendation he
was employed, and the matter is not one which
concerns either the Crown Agents or the
Colonial Office.

Mr. Ginnell asked the Under-Secretary for
the Colonies whether the Colonial Office has
given its approval to the present proposals for
working the new Kowloon Railway, including
a provision of \$10,000 for traffic expenses, an
expected revenue of \$20,000, and a traffic man-
ager with £2,000 a year for salary and allow-
ances; and if he will state on whose recom-
mendation this latter appointment has been made,
and with what staff and

LOSS OF A JAPANESE DESTROYER.

TWO MEN KILLED.

The torpedo-destroyer *Inazuma*, which left Omiato (near Aomori) for Hakodate at 5 p.m. on the 15th instant, came into collision with the steamer *Kiryu-maru*, 650 tons, owned by Mr. Kinugawa, of Kobe, which left Hakodate on the same day for Omiato, reports the *Japan Chronicle* of 16th inst. The collision occurred about two miles west of the Katsutoshi light, four miles from Hakodate. The destroyer was struck in the engine-room, two men in which were killed and three others injured. It being evident that the boat would sink, the crew were transferred to the *Kiryu-maru*, which began towing the destroyer to Hakodate. The destroyer sank, however, before it had proceeded far. The *Kiryu-maru*, with the crew on board, arrived at Hakodate at 2 p.m. on the 17th instant. Lieutenant Hotta, in command of the destroyer, was one of those injured and became unconscious for a time. He was transferred to the Hakodate Hospital. Besides the casualties referred to two men are missing. An official report has reached the Navy Department to the effect that the destroyer *Akikuni* was sent to the assistance of the destroyer and has taken the crew on board.

The *Inazuma* was built at the Yarrow Ship-building Yard, London, in 1899. She is a sister ship of the *Ikasubi*, *Akikuni* and *Suzunami*, and is of 311 tons displacement, with a speed of 31 knots. Her crew numbered about forty.

FOUR GREAT FIRES.

EIGHTY HOUSES BURNT IN OSAKA.

Four great outbreaks of fire have occurred this week in various parts of Japan, one of them resulting in five deaths, reports the *Japan Chronicle* of 18th inst. At about 10 o'clock on Thursday night, the 15th instant, a fire broke out in Osaka which threatened to rival the great conflagration in the summer. The outbreak took place at the glass factory at Nishi-Sekiyacho, near Tennjo Park. A strong westerly wind which was blowing at the time rapidly carried the flames eastward, and in a short time all the small houses adjoining the factory were swept away and the premises—about 400 *tsubo* in extent—of the chrysanthemum show were involved. It was feared at one time that Nippon-bashi-dori and Namba-shinchi would be devastated and indescribable excitement ensued, but by the strenuous efforts of the police force and the fire brigades the flames were got under control at about 12 o'clock after completely destroying about fifty houses and partially burning another thirty. A fine new bath-house which had been completed, only a few days previously at a cost of ¥10,000 was among the buildings destroyed. Fortunately the fire was confined to Nishi-Sekiyacho. It is stated that the scarcity of water in consequence of the supply being cut off at the time from the waterworks considerably retarded the operations of the fire brigade. Some firemen are reported to have been injured. The damage is estimated at about ¥30,000. It is believed that sparks issuing from the chimney of the glass factory set fire to an adjoining house and thus caused the conflagration.

A disastrous fire is also reported from Ibaragi prefecture. About 8 o'clock on Wednesday night, the 15th instant, fire broke out in the building of the Joyosha, a weaving factory erected for the purpose of giving employment to the families of soldiers killed in the war, at Ishioka, Ibaragi prefecture, and 99 houses were destroyed. In 1907 the town was the scene of another destructive fire, which swept away about 200 houses, and the present fire has occurred before the damage sustained through the preceding outbreak was repaired. The cause of the fire and the damage sustained are not yet known.

Still another fire is reported from Togamura, Minami-Akita district, Akita prefecture, which occurred on Tuesday evening, the 14th instant. In this case 51 houses were destroyed and three men and two children burnt to death. The full extent of the damage is not yet known.

The fourth fire is reported from Formosa. The outbreak occurred on the afternoon of the 15th instant, at Jirisho in the Taichu district. The flames raged three hours. Eighty-five houses were totally destroyed and two partially, while 58 pigs and one goat were burnt to death. The damage is estimated at about ¥10,000.

HONGKONG-BUILT VESSELS FOR MANILA.

INSPECTION BY U.S. OFFICIAL.

Captain Robert H. C. Kelton, Quartermaster, who left Manila on the November transport to make an inspection of the coal facilities in Japan and the work now being done for the Quartermaster's department at Shanghai and Hongkong, returned to Manila yesterday on the *Zofra*, reports the local Times of 22nd inst. Captain Kelton sailed on the *Thames* November 15 and was seven days en route to Nagasaki on account of the head winds. From Nagasaki he made a trip to the Mikki coal mines and remained four days inspecting the work there. He also visited the Imperial Steel Works at Wakamatsu which are operated by the Japanese Government.

At Shanghai an inspection was made of the work which is being done on the *Warren*. The delay in the repairs to the transport was caused by the taking out of the boilers in order that they might be repaired in the shops. This will insure better work although causing a delay of several weeks. Captain Kelton continued to Hongkong where a ship is being constructed for the department to replace the old *Nippon*. The remaining eight of the steel lorches ordered by the Quartermaster's department have been finished and will be sent to Manila as soon as transportation can be secured for them from Hongkong to Manila.

THE P. AND O. S. N. CO.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company states:—The three new steamers of the "M" class, the *Morice*, *Malwa*, and *Mantua* have now been at work for some months, and have met with general approval on the part of the travelling public. The directors are at present negotiating for two additional vessels of this type, but of increased dimensions and capacity. It may be mentioned that the above-named new steamers have been fitted with the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy, and at land stations throughout the East are inaugurated for this particular work, the company's mail ships will be fitted up accordingly. Until quite recently eight of the company's steamers were laid up in London, but five of the oldest of these ships have now been sold, viz., the *Victoria*, *Britannia*, *Peninsular*, *Malacca*, and *Formosa*. The prices realised were extremely low, but the book cost has been fully covered by the operation of the ordinary sinking fund, and a trifling profit resulted on the whole transaction. There are only three steamers laid up at the present time, and it is hoped that employment will be found for more than one of them ere long. The fleet has been navigated in complete safety, and with remarkable freedom from minor accidents throughout the year—the total mileage being approximately 3,000,000 of nautical miles. The accelerated mail service continues to be performed with the utmost regularity, alike with India, China, and Australia. A slight remodelling of the China line has enabled the directors to establish a separate and rapid communication fortnightly between Shanghai and Yokohama, as an addition to the fortnightly service to these ports by the intermediate steamers from London via Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, Hongkong, etc. The operations of the company, by their intermediate China line, are gradually being extended to other ports, and recently Port Swettenham, Keelung, Hankow, Kinohow, Idzuhara, and other places have been added to the itinerary of this service.

At this present date last year not only were there large fleets of ships laid up in British ports, but at Bombay and at Calcutta, and doubtless in other Eastern ports, the idle tonnage was unprecedented. So far as Eastern ports are concerned, this state of things is now changed, chiefly owing to the absorption of a very large tonnage recently employed in the export of cargoes of beans from Manchuria. This is a new business in Europe, and whether it may prove a permanent factor in the commerce of this country it is at present impossible to say. Meanwhile, the result is that Eastern freights have risen to a moderate extent for the first time for two or three years, but this has taken place since the accounts now submitted with this report were closed. In these circumstances it may, perhaps, be deemed satisfactory that the company's freight revenue has been maintained practically at the same level as last year, being £1,515,818, as compared with £1,520,081 last year, a difference of only £4,263.

The China and Japan receipts have not been equal to those of last year, but this is partly owing to fewer voyages being actually run during the latter period. The movement of specie has been below the low figure of last year, and would alone account for a considerable decline in the ordinary revenue. Necessarily there have been some countervailing advantages such as better outward freights to Australia, a larger silk export from China, and a busy export of cotton and twist from Bombay to China and Japan. But taking all the conditions into account it may be considered fortunate that no relapse has taken place in this, the most important branch of the company's business.

In China there is an awkward and in fact almost impossible opposition to contend with, in the Siberian Railway which is now working with considerable regularity. It is to be hoped that this great highway will induce an increase in the number of travellers, who arriving by one route will desire to return by another. This seems a not improbable outlook in the future.

The expenditure for the year shows an increase of upwards of £80,000, which is chiefly due to the increased size and the more costly character of the ships now employed in the mail service, and to the higher speed at which the steamers have to be driven in order to fulfil the conditions of the contract.

PANTOMIME STORIES.

The origin of most of our popular pantomime stories is shrouded in mystery. Cinderella, for instance, is to be found in the language of every European country, can be traced back to an old Hindu legend. "Aladdin" is from the "Arabian Nights," but is said to have been borrowed from a Buddhist story. About Blue Beard we are a little more certain, for it is probably founded on the crimes of the Marquis de Laval, a marquis of France, who was a distinguished soldier in the reigns of Charles VI. and VII. He indulged in every possible excess, practised sorcery, and killed young persons for the sake of their blood, which was necessary for his incantations, and was for his crimes burnt alive in 1440.

"Beauty and the Beast" comes from a Norwegian folk tale. "The House that Jack Built" has its prototype in a sacred hymn in the Jewish Talmud. "Little Red Riding Hood" is an old Hindu tale, while the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk" is not only found in Asiatic literature, but a similar legend is known amongst the Zulus and the inhabitants of Fiji. Even "Dick Whittington" appears to be of foreign origin, and is said to have originated in Tuscany in the fifteenth century with the story of a Genoese merchant who presented two cats to the king to rid his palace of rats, and was rewarded with rich presents. The only pantomime that we can claim to be of English origin besides "Robinson Crusoe" is "Babe in the Wood," which was registered in the books of Stationer's Hall as a ballad as far back as 1595.

EWO COTTONS.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of the Company, at Shanghai, on 22nd inst. Mr. D. Landale (chairman) presided, and there were present, Messrs. A. McLeod, E. E. Clark, Zee Quat-yuen, (Consulting Committee), J. Keifoot (Mill Manager), D. McNeill (Legal Adviser), G. R. Wingrove, F. J. d'Almeida, H. de Grey, J. A. Wattle and A. Brooke Smith (Secretary). The chairman said—As you are doubtless aware, this meeting is merely a formal one called to comply with the Hongkong Ordinances, and I need do no more than to ask you to confirm the resolution passed at the extraordinary meeting held on November 26. He then proposed the first resolution which read as follows:—

"(a) That the capital of the Company be increased to Tls. 1,500,000, by the creation of 5,000 new shares of Tls. 100 each to be called preference shares and to confer on the holders thereof of the right to a fixed cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 7 per cent per annum on the capital for the time being paid up on such preference shares to rank both as regards capital and dividend in priority to the other shares but not to confer any further right to participate in profits or surplus assets."

"(b) That the said preference shares shall not carry any right of voting at any general meeting of the Company nor shall they qualify any person to be a member of the Consulting Committee."

"(c) That the company is to be at liberty from time to time to create and issue further preference shares ranking in all respects *pari passu* with the said 5,000 preference shares."

"(d) That of the said 5,000 preference shares 4,000 shall be issued forthwith and that the remaining 1,000 shares shall be issued hereafter in accordance with Article VI. 5 of the Articles of Association of the Company."

"(e) Applicants for the said preference shares shall pay Tls. 25 on application and as regards the balance due on any shares allotted to them shall pay the same when called on. Not less than one month's notice shall be given of any such call."

"(f) The holders of the said preference shares shall not rank for dividend as regards the year commencing on November 1, 1900, and ending on October 31, 1901, but shall be entitled to interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum on any sums paid up during the said year on the said shares as from the date of payment. As regards subsequent years the said holder of the said preference shares shall rank for dividend on any sums paid up at the commencement of any year and shall be entitled to interest at the rate aforesaid on any sums paid up during the year as from the date of payment."

"(g) Dividends on the said preference shares shall be paid in every year as soon as possible after the end of the Company's financial year, namely, October 31."

Mr. McLeod seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried. The chairman proposed the second resolution, which read: "That the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph No. 5 of Article XIV of the Articles of Association, namely—The Auditor's remuneration shall be Tls. 500 per annum."

Mr. E. E. Clark seconded it, and it was also carried unanimously. The chairman then proposed the third resolution, namely: "That the following paragraph No. 10 of Article XV of the Articles of Association, namely: The General Managers shall be paid or allowed to deduct by way of remuneration for conducting and transacting the business of the Company a commission of 10 per cent per annum on the net profits of every year and also a sum not exceeding Tls. 10,000 per annum to cover office expenses in the carrying on of the business of the company."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Zee Quat-yuen and carried.

The chairman said that in due course notice would be given to shareholders as to when applications would be received for the issue of cumulative preference shares.

AN INTERPORT GOLF CUP.

We (N. C. D. News) are glad to learn that the Shanghai Golf Club has authorized the Committee to offer to present a Cup, to be known as the Shanghai Golf Cup, value about \$1,000, for competition between Golf Clubs in China, Hongkong and Japan. The conditions are as follows:—

(1) Medal Play 36 holes.
(2) Teams not to consist of more than five men, and the three best scores to count. The team returning the lowest score in the aggregate to be declared the winners. In the event of a tie a further 18 holes to be played.
(3) The first match to be held in Shanghai in April, 1901, exact date to be communicated later; subsequent competitions to be held annually on the Links of the Club holding the Cup.

It is suggested that at the meetings arranged in connection with this Cup the individual Golf Championship of the Far East might be played.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

German (*Drifflinger*) 30th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 8th prox.

The C. P. R. Co's s.s. *Empress of India* from Hongkong via usual ports of call arrived at Vancouver on 23rd inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co's s.s. *Sumatra* left Singapore for this port on 25th inst., at 5 p.m., and is due here on 31st inst., at 4 p.m.

The *Dodwell's New York Line* s.s. *Wray Castle* left Karata on 25th inst., and may be expected to arrive in Hongkong on 30th inst.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Drifflinger* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 1st inst., left Singapore on 24th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on 30th inst., a.m.

HOCKEY.

HONGKONG LADIES' HOCKEY CLUB VS. QUEEN'S COLLEGE BOYS.

The return hockey match between the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club and the Queen's College Boys was played at 10 o'clock this morning on the Causeway Bay Ground.

In the first portion of the game the ladies opened the score and was soon equalled by Remedios. The ladies now tried to open the lead again, but the boys were not to be outdone and gave no chance for scoring. At half time the game stood one all. The second spell was a fast one and both teams played up to the mark, and some good play was seen. The game went on for some time very even, and two minutes before time the boys did a rush and scored the winning goal in the midst of a scramble. Thus the game ended in a win for the boys by 2 goals to one.

At the conclusion the boys were treated with light refreshments by the ladies.

COMMERCIAL.
FARM MARKET.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1900. Unfavourable advices from Shanghai have greatly discouraged the few large native operators who were keeping up the market for the past few weeks, and only a paltry business has been done during the interval, as noted at 100. Prices have declined fully \$1 per bale, and holders will be willing to yield to still greater concessions if any large quantity could be placed, but for anything beyond actual requirements dealers will not offer at any price. For the last few days business is at a complete standstill and the market closes weak and unsteady. Bombay continues strong. Exchange on India closes to-day at Rs. 133 for T/T and 133 1/2 for Post.

Sales of the interval aggregate 1,215 bales, arrivals amount to 3,801, unsold stock estimated at 14,000, and sold but unclarified bales in second hands about 21,000 bales.

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TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.
Selling.

London—Bank T.T.	109 1/2
Do. demand	109 9/16
Do. 4 months' sight	109 1/2
France—Bank T.T.	226
America—Bank T.T.	134
Germany—Bank T.T.	134
India T.T.	133 1/2
Do. demand	133 1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	75
Singapore—Bank T.T. per H.K. 100	76 1/2
Japan—Bank T.T.	88
Java—Bank T.T.	108 1/2

Buying.

4 months' sight L/C	109 15/16
6 months' sight L/C	110 1/16
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	44 1/2
4 months' sight do.	45 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne	316
4 months' sight France	230 1/2
6 months' sight do.	232 1/2
4 months' sight Germany	188 1/2
Bar Silver	242
Bank of England rate	4 1/2
Sovereign	11 1/2

Events Coming.

Monday, 27th December.

Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "The Early Worm," 9 p.m.

Tuesday, 28th December.

Hughes and Hough, Auction sale of Sundries, etc., at H.M. Naval Establishments, to a.m.
Geo. P. Lammett, auction sale of old Rope, Steel, Iron Wire, Electric Fan, etc., etc., at the Norddeutscher Lloyd's Godowns, Kennedy Town, 11 a.m.
Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "The Best People," 9 p.m.

Wednesday, 29th December.

Hughes and Hough, Auction sale of Sundries, etc., at H.M. Naval Establishments, to a.m.
Geo. P. Lammett, Auction Sale of Galvanized Iron Sheets, Spikes, Tool Steel, Truck Wheels, etc., etc., at the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co's Godowns (Kowloon), 11 a.m.

Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, at the Company's Offices, 14, Des Voeux Road, Central, First Floor, at Noon.
Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "Facing the Music," 9 p.m.

Thursday, 30th December.

Hughes and Hough, Auction sale of Doherty and Ramsey's Tennis Racquets 11 a.m.
China Light and Power Co., Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting, at the offices of Messrs. Shaw, Tomes & Co., 3 p.m.
Hughes and Hough, Public Auction "Rio Lima," at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co's Docks, Hungshom, 3 p.m.
St. George's Club, General Meeting, at the offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, St. George's Building, 5.30 p.m.
Theatre Royal, Bandmann Comedy Co., "A Pair of Spectacles," 9 p.m.

Saturday, 31st January.

Public Holiday.
Kowloon Cricket Club, Children's Sports, 2.15 p.m.

Monday, 3rd January.

Public Holiday.
Grand Orchestral Concert, by the Band of S.M.S. *Soham Hotel*, at the St. George's Hall (City Hall), 9 p.m.

Friday, 7th January.

Philharmonic Concert, at the City Hall.

Tuesday, 25th January.

Theatre Royal, Scotch concert, 9 p.m.

To-day's Advertisements.

BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SUVERIC,"
FROM SEATTLE, TACOMA, VICTORIA,
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THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1900. [10]



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Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. *Delhi*, due in London on 19th February, 1901.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWITT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1900. [11]

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 27th at 12.10 p.m.—The barometer has fallen moderately over China, and risen considerably over E. Japan. A slight rise has taken place also over the Philippines.

The anti-cyclonic area has spread Eastwards and is now central over the Sea of Japan. Pressure is relatively low over the S. part of the China Sea.

Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and strong monsoon over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, N.E. winds, fresh; fine.
2.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, fresh to moderate.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook, same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 1.

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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m.	to 10.00 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m.	to 11.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m.	to 12.45 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m.	to 1.15 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m.	to 1.45 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m.	to 2.15 p.m.	Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m.	to 2.45 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
2.45 p.m.	to 3.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
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NIGHT GARS
4.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 11.15 p.m.
every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m.	to 9.00 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
9.00 a.m.	to 9.30 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
9.30 a.m.	to 10.30 a.m.	Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m.	to 11.00 a.m.	Every 10 minutes.
11.45 a.m.	to 12.00 noon	Every 15 minutes.
12.00 noon	to 1.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes.
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SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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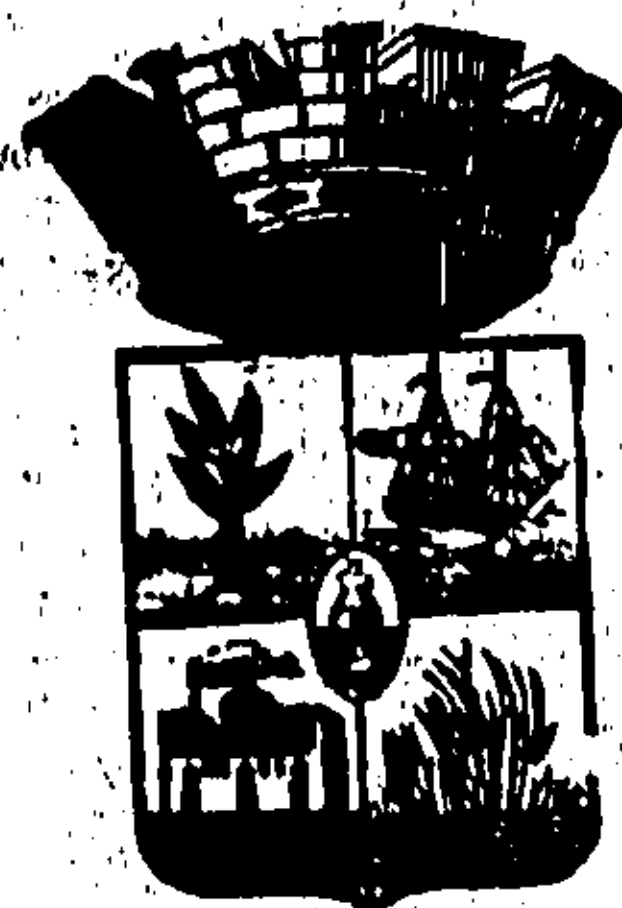
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BANKS.							
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	£1,500,000 \$1,500,000	\$2,007,819 Interim of £2 for account 1900 @ ex 1/91 = \$2.72	4 %	\$905 buyers London £91.10
National Bank of China, Limited	99,975	7	£6	£4,000 \$4,000	\$30,552 \$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	...	\$65 buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.							
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	£1,500,000 \$1,500,000	none \$10 for 1908	7 %	\$145 sellers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	15	£5	£1,200,000 \$1,200,000	Tls. 207,573 Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1908	...	Tls. 112 1/2
Union Insurance Society of Canton	12,400	\$150	\$100	£1,200,000 \$1,200,000	\$2,464,921 Final of \$17-making \$47 for 1907 and interim of \$30 for 1908	5 1/2 %	\$890 sales
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	£1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$7,781 \$12 and bonus \$3 for 1907	7 %	\$130
FIRE.							
China Fire Insurance Company	70,000	\$100	\$10	£1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$375,341 \$6 and bonus \$2 for 1907	7 %	\$118
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	£1,431,173 \$1,431,173	1,688,711 \$17 for 1907	7 1/2 %	\$370 sellers
SHIPPING.							
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	£7,000 \$7,000	\$1,051 \$1 for 1906	...	\$8 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	£1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Nil 2/- for year ending 30.6.1908	...	\$35
Hongkong, Canton & Amoy Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	£250,000 \$250,000	\$27,170 Interim of \$1 1/2 for account 1909	7 1/2 %	\$32 sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	£5	£5	£1,000,000 \$1,000,000	£13,755 6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/16 = \$3. 154	...	\$63 buyers
Do. Do. (Deferred)	60,000	£5	£5	£1,000,000 \$1,000,000	£13,755 Final of 5/- for 1908 and interim of 1/- for a/c 1909	...	67/6 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	1,000,000	£1	£1	£1,000,000 \$1,000,000	£68,817 \$100 for year ending 10.4.1909	4 %	\$26 buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	£80,000 \$80,000	\$3,121 \$5.50	3 1/2 %	\$14
REFINERIES.							
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	£350,000 \$350,000	Dr. \$5,858 \$5 for year ending 31.12.08	3 1/2 %	\$157 buyers
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$1	\$100	none	Dr. \$135,891 \$3 for 1897	...	\$12 sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 6.02 Tls. 10 for year ending 31.6.09	...	Tls. 340 buyers
MINING.							
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,010,000	£1	£1	£175,000 \$175,000	£1,481 Final of 1/6 making 3/- for 1909	7 %	Tls. 18.80 sales
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	£1	£4,178 \$4,178	Dr. £2,191 No. 12 of 1/- = 18 cents	...	\$7 1/2 sellers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.							
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	£18,000 \$18,000	Dr. \$7,421 \$1.75 for year ending 31.12.08	...	\$12
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$55	\$50	£550,000 \$550,000	\$10,102 None	...	\$61 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$5	\$50	£50,000 \$50,000	\$145,161 Interim of \$1 1/2 for account 1909	...	\$52 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 5,461 Final of Tls. 24 for year ending 30.4.09	6 1/2 %	Tls. 76 sellers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 22,818 Final of Tls. 6 making Tls. 10 for 1908	7 %	Tls. 130 sellers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.							
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 4,134 Tls. 6 for year ending 29.2.09	5 1/2 %	Tls. 105 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	50,123	\$15	\$15	£1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$24,511 \$1.20 on old and 60 cents on first new issue	...	\$15 sales
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$5	\$5	£50,000 \$50,000	\$19,272 Interim of \$2.40 on old and 40 cents on new shares for account 1909	...	\$77 1/2 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$1	\$1	£50,000 \$50,000	\$25,475 Interim of 3/- for account 1909	6 1/2 %	\$102 buyers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$1	\$10	£150,000 \$150,000	\$5,486 60 cents for 1908	7 1/2 %	\$84 sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	£300,000 \$300,000	\$278 \$1 for 1908	5 %	\$30 sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,500,000	Tls. 142,404 Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1909	6 1/2 %	Tls. 120 sales
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	£1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,968 Interim of \$2 for account 1909	8 1/2 %	\$44 buyers
COTTON MILLS.							
Zwo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 5	Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 10,991 Tls. 11 for year ending 31.10.09	8 1/2 %	Tls. 135 sales
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$1	Tls. 40,000	\$9,553 5/- cents for year ending 31.7.08	...	\$64 sales
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 175,000	Tls. 8,372 Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.7.08	...	Tls. 75
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	3,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 10	none	Tls. 4,839 Tls. 4 for 1908	...	Tls. 101
Sey Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 50	Tls. 11,172	Tls. 15,911 Tls. 5 for 1906	...	Tls. 425
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,624	12/6	12/6	£1,500 \$1,500	£648 15 % per share for 1908	...	\$10
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	£1,500 \$1,500	Nil \$20 for 1908	10 %	\$12 1/2
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	£10,000 \$10,000	\$61,147 50 cents for year ended 28.2.06	...	\$6 buyers
Do. Do. special shares	125,000	\$1	\$1	none	\$1,408 80 cents for 1908	8 1/2 %	\$91 sales
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	£1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,891 \$1.0 for year ending 31.7.09	8 1/2 %	\$16 1/2 sellers
Daly Farm Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	£1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$3,756 Interim of 35 cents for account 1909	13 %	\$74 sellers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	£1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$670 8 cents for year ending 31.12.08	8 %	\$12
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$1	none	\$5105 \$1.4 bonus to cts. for year ending 29.2.09	6 %	\$20 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	£150,000 \$150,000	\$7616 Interim of \$1 for account 1909	6 %	\$180 sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	£150,000 \$150,000	\$8790 Interim of \$1 for acc. 1909	10 %	\$121 sales
Maatschappij tot Exploitatie van Luchtvaart, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	Tls. 147,500 Tls. 61,924	Tls. 316,682 Final of Tls. 14 and bonus of Tls. 7 1/2 for 1909	...	Tls. 900 buyers
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	£10,000 \$10,000	\$1,204 80 cents on fully paid share and 8 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.09	6 %	\$13 1/2
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	£10,000 \$10,000	Pa. 18,640 None	3 %	\$140
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Tls. 14,810 Tls. 73,000	Tls. 5,250 Final Tls. 5 making Tls. 8 for 1908	4 1/2 %	Tls. 135 sales
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	none	Dr. \$56,602 None	...	\$23 1/2 buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	10,000	\$25	\$5	none	\$63 40 cents for year ending 31.3.09	7 %	\$14
United Waterfront Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$172 60 cents for year ending 31.12.08	5 %	\$10 1/2 sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	£40,000 \$40,000	\$242 60 cents per old share for year ending 31.5.09	6 1/2 %	\$12 1/2 buyers
Watson (A.S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$1	£300,000 \$300,000	\$2,613 Final of 30 cents for 1908	6 1/2 %	\$7
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	none	\$782 Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	...	\$3 sellers
RUBBERS.							
Anglo-Malay Rubber Company, Limited (fully paid)	1,500,000	2/-	2/-	none	none	...	14 1/2 buyers
Balgownie Rubber Estate, Limited	20,000	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$70 sales
Castledale Rubber Estate, Limited	33,614	£1	£1	£7,400 \$7,400	\$11,805 20 % interim for 1909	...	\$13 1/2 sales
Damansara (Selangor) Rubber Co.	110,000	£1	£1	none	£2,220 20 % for 1909	...	\$6 1/2 sellers
Golconda Malay Rubber Co.	8,000	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$5 1/2
Highland & Lowland Para. Rubber Co. (fully paid)	18,454	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Do. do. (contributory)	125,541	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Kamuning (Perak) Rubber Estate, Ltd.	105,000	2/-	1/-	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Do. do. A Shares	105,000	2/-	1/-	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Do. do. B Shares	105,000	2/-	1/-	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Kuala Lumpur Rubber Co., Limited	180,000	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Linggi Plantations, Limited (ordinary)	900,000	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Do. do. (7% pref.)	10,000	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Ragalla Rubber Company, Limited (ordinary)	25,000	£1	£1	£4,000 \$4,000	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Do. do. (8% pref.)	25,000	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Ledbury Rubber Estates, Limited	6,000	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Do. do. (contributory)	40,000	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Sagga Rubber Company, Limited	20,000	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Sandycroft Rubber Company	1,000	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Sekong Rubber Company, Limited	80,000	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Shelford Rubber Estate, Limited	65,000	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Singapore & Johore Rubber Company, Limited	2,500	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Singel Creek Rubber Estate Company, Limited	45,000	£1	£1	none	none	...	\$16 1/2 buyers
Singel Kaper Rubber Company	110,000	£1	£1	none	£3,448 7 1/2 % interim for 1909	...	7 1/2 sales

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